1.00 P.M.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 334

Withdrawal of Clinical facilities provided to Dr. Ambedkar Medical College

Sri. R VENKATARAMAIAH.—In Karnataka, the private medical colleges are provided facilities at hospitals in places like Bowring, Victoria, Jayanagar, Malleswaram and other hospitals contrary to rules and without helping the students of Government Medical Colleges.

Where Ambedkar Medical College was given such facility, there was opposition committee formed and that facility is taken back, but for other Colleges, the facility is being continued Why such apartheid policy is adopted ? Why the Ambedkar College alone denayed this opportunity why this principal is not applied to all the other private Medical Colleges ? I request the Hon'ble Minister to reply in this regard.

Sri. B. RACHAIAH (Hon'ble Min. for Health).—I wish to make the following statement:

Most of the privatemedical colleges have been sanctioned clinical facilitlesin different Government hospitals. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Medical College was given the facilities in Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital. Although, Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital was an attached hospital Bangalore Medical College. wehn the facilities where initially given to Ambedkar College duarng 1981, it was felt that such an arrangement would not adversely affect the adequacy of the facilities to Bangalore Medical College in view of facilities available to Bangalore Medical College in Victoria and other hospitals. Accordingly, the houses surgeons and undergraduates of Bangalore Medical College were with drawn from Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital during 1983. Though initially the facilities of Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital were given to Dr. Ambedkar Medical College only for 5 years, the same was further extended by another 3years and also some additional facilities were given to Dr.Ambedkar Medical College since that college was facing the danger of instant closure. In this context, the students of Bangalore Medical College went on strike demanding restoration of Bowiring and Lady Curzon Hospital to Bangalore Medical College. Since there was a difference of opinion between the department and the striking students regaridng the adequacy of the fecilities available to the Bangalore Medical College (without the facilities of Bowring and L C Hospital) it was found necessary to

constitute committtee which is also acceptable to the striking students and a four member committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. D. M. Nanjundappa, Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University. After studying the existing facilities the Committee had submitted are report with the conclusion that the existing facilities without Bowring and LC Hospital are not sufficient to meet the requirements of Bangalore Medical College as per the standards of MCI. Since the primary responsibility of the Government is towards meeting the legitimate requirements of the Government Medical College, the Government has accepted the report of the Committee and decided to restore the facilities of Bowring and LC Hospital to Bangalore Medical College. Similarly, Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences who were using some facilities in Bowring Hospital have also been withdrawn from the Bowring Hospital. Futher, the permission given to the Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences for sending their students to Venkateswara ENT Institute and Minto Hospital for short periods is also being withdrawn since these are also attached Hospital to Bangalore Medical College and MCI does not approve of the some teaching hospital being shared between 2 or more medical colleges. Similary, the facilities given earlier in KR. Hospital Mysore to the JSS Medical College, Mysore were also withdrawn during 1986 itself and the request of the JSS Medical College to sanction part of he K.R. Hospital facilities to their college have all been turned down on the same grounds. In respect of other hospital like Jayanager General Hospitals, K.C General Hospital and other District Hospitals attached to private medical college since there was no clash between the interests of the students of Government Colleges and private colleges, there was no urgent need to withdraw such facilities extended to private medical colleges. However, in view of the sudden withdrawal of facilities earlier given to Dr. Ambedkar Medical College, it was felt necessary to extend facilities to Dr. Ambedkar Medical College in some other hospitals atleast for some time. Considering this need and th fact that M.S. Ramaiah Medical College has already established a hospital of their own, it has been decided to withdraw K.C. General Hospital from M.S. Ramaiah College with effect from 1. 1. 1988 and give the same facilities to Dr. Ambedker Medical College with effect from 1.1.1988. Since the Government also thought of the interest of Dr. Ambedkar Medical College, It is not true to say that the Government is following a policy of apartheid as such no discrimination is shown against Dr. Ambedkar Medical College.